(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have received any representations against the policy and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether many operators of Hullers have been rendered jobless due to this policy ; and

(e) whether the implementation of such a policy in hilly and backward areas is feasible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir. As per the Rice Milling Industries (Regulation & Licence) Rules, 1959, installation of rubber roll sheller, paddy cleaner and paddy separator are necessary for the Huller Mill.

(b) Studies reveal that in hullers without rubber roll shellers, recovery of rice is less by about 6.6% compared to a modern rice mill. Besides the by products like edible oil bearing bran and husk cannot be recovered separately and used profitably.

(c) Yes, Sir. The representation received could not be agreed to in view of the reasons given in the part (b) of the reply above.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Yes, Sir.

Tremors in Garhwal Region

2157. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate any short term and long term schemes to save Garhwal region from recurring tremors; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b). The Garhwal Region lies in the earthquake prone Himalayan belt. Earthquake observational facilities have been set up in the region to monitor the local earthquakes and to understand the various processes involved. These studies are expected to provide valuable inputs for the building codes suited for the local conditions.

Rural Water Supply and Sanitation

2158. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:
SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY:
SHRI PARAS RAM BHARDWAJ:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the twin problems of water supply and Sanitation in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have written to the State Government recently to identify the "problem villages" to tackle the twin problems effectively;

(c) if so, the details of the guidelines issued in this regard; and

(d) the progress made so far in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Union Government has written to the States/Union Territory Governments recently to conduct a survey of the status of drinking water supply in rural areas.

(c) All the States/Union Territories have been advised to conduct a survey on the status of drinking water supply in rural habitations covering all aspects like supply of drinking water as per the norms, partially covered habitations, the extent of quality and quantity problems encountered by the rural population in these habitations, requirement of drinking water for village level institutions, cattle etc.

(d) Preparatory action has been taken by the States/Union Territories to conduct the survey ,the results of which are expected to be available in two phases by end of March, 1992 and on water quality analysis by June/July, 1992.

[*Translation*]

Drinking Water Shortage in Urban Areas of Madhya Pradesh

2159. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received a scheme from the Government of Madhya Pradesh to be funded with the World Bank loan in order to remove the acute shortage of drinking water in urban areas of the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Development of Desert Prone and Drought affected areas of Rajasthan

2160. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan have submitted any scheme to the Union Government for the development of desert prone and drought affected areas of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c). The information is being collected.

[*English*]

Inclusion in Desert Development Programme

2161. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan have submitted any memorandum to the Planning Commission for including Udaipur, Ajmer, Jaipur and Sirohi districts under the Desert Development Programme,

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received such memoranda from other states also; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) The Govenment of Rajasthan have submitted a memorandum to the National Committee set up for the appraisal of Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) for inclu-